

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5, 7-16, 18-21, and 43, as amended, and new claim 44 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. The claims presented herein are based on the entry of applicants' prior amendment.

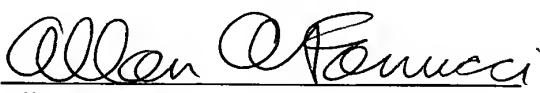
Claim 1 has been allowed for clarity while new claim 44 is directed to a preferred embodiment that is supported by claims 1 and 5 and the supporting language in the specification. As no new matter is being introduced, these claim changes should be entered at this time. Claims 22-40 are currently withdrawn from consideration but it is understood that these claims will be rejoined when claim 1 is allowed, since they all ultimately depend from claim 1.

Applicants repeat the comments made in their prior response. In addition, the Advisory Action indicates that the language previously added to claim 1 is new matter, but this is incorrect since it is expressly disclosed in the examples of preferred carriers.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all current rejections have been overcome and should be withdrawn. Accordingly, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree, then a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues and expedite the eventual allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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